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PROUTY, Fletcher. The Secret Team: The

CIA and its Allies in Control of the

United States and the World. 480p. app-

endices. Prentice Hall. April, 1973. \$10.

This book is at its best when it details

CIA secret operations with which the au-

thor is familiar. The poorer, and most

extensive, portions are those in which

he laboriously, and with annoying repet-

ition, explains why he feels CIA has

greatly exceeded its legal authority by

conducting secret operations. He also

faults the lack of quality intelligence

analysis. He claims that friends of the

Agency have been planted in other Federal

agencies and the military to ensure that

CIA gets its way. Prouty claims Presid-

ents have been led into major blunders

by this, citing especially the Kennedy

move to counterinsurgency warfare in

Southeast Asia. The military bias of the

former AF colonel shows as he attacks the

civilian agency, claiming that Ellsberg's

leaking of the McNamara papers was a CIA

plot to make the military look bad. A

snotty, but interesting book. George H.
 Siehl, Library of Congress.